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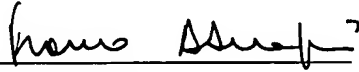
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ELECTION AND AMENDMENT

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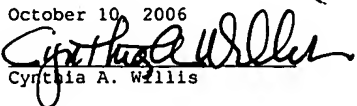
Responsive to the Office Action dated September 7, 2006, related to the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully submit the following election. Note that the due date to respond fell on Saturday, October 7, 2006, and the following business day, Monday October 9, 2006, was a holiday.

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ELECTION

Summary of the Office Action

The Examiner has requested an election among the species identified as Group A (FIG. 1), Group B (FIG. 2), Group C (FIG. 3), Group D (FIGS. 4-5), and Group E (FIGS. 6-9).

The Examiner has also held that no claims are generic.

Applicant's Response

Applicants elect and respectfully request examination of the species in Group A, illustrated in FIG. 1 and claimed in claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 15, 17, 19, and 20. Accordingly, claims 11, 12, and 22-25, are withdrawn from consideration in this application at this time.

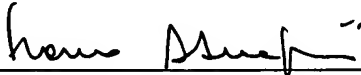
Applicants expressly reserve the right to request a rejoinder of claims 11, 12, and 22-25 upon allowance of claim 1.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing election, an early and favorable action in this application is earnestly requested.

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